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(*g*) *The Mysore Lamp Works Ltd., Bangalore*:— The company, as in the previous years, had been engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of electric lamps, such as general service lamps (5 watts to 1,500 watts), train lighting, locomotive head lights, telephone switch board lamps, automobile lamps and street series lamps (5·5 amps). Since there was heavy demand both by the consumers and the Government Departments for the products of the company, production was considerably stepped up during the year. Lamps of higher voltage required for the Central and State Development Projects included under the Second Five-Year Plan were manufactured and supplied. As the demand for Miniature and Train-lighting and Telephone switch lamps was increasing, the concern has had to develop this line of manufacture also along with the general service lamps and made substantial supplies of these varieties to Railways, Tata Locomotive, Indian Telephone Industries and Government Road Transport Departments.

During the year, 17,77,122 lamps of different types valued at Rs. 8,66,850 were manufactured in the concern while the total sales amounted to 15,55,636 numbers of different types of lamps valued at Rs. 14,24,189.

The manufacture of Fluorescent lamps along with the present manufacture of Incandescent lamps was under consideration.

(*h*) *Bangalore Ex-servicemen's Transport Co., Ltd.*—Besides running lorries, baby taxis, auto-rickshaws and postal mail service contract, the company had a workshop for repairs. The company had so far sold 21 autorickshaws under the hire-purchase system to the deserving ex-servicemen. This scheme enables an ex-serviceman to get himself rehabilitated.

**1089.** Relationship between the Management and Labour continued to be cordial in all these concerns.

### (iii) The Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati.

**1090.** The Board of Management of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati, was reconstituted for a period of one year from 1st April 1957.

**1091.** The relationship between the Management and the Employees of the Works continued to be cordial.

**1092.** The supply position of essential raw materials like fuel, charcoal, coal, coke, scrap, ore, limestone, clay and sand was satisfactory during the year.

**1093.** The Tariff Commission examined the claim of the oWrks for revised retention prices in respect of pig iron and steel. The Commission also examined the cost of production of cement produced by the Works along with other producers and the retention price of cement was raised by Rs. 2 per ton.

**1094.** Improvements were made to the Cast Iron Plate Sleepers Foundry to step up production from 5,500 tons to 7,000 tons per annum.

**1095.** The newly erected Cast Iron Spun Pipe Plant was put into commission during November 1957.

**1096.** The total value of sales made by the Works during the year amounted to Rs. 468·81 lakhs as against Rs. 451·40 lakhs during 1956-57, while the total outstandings at the end of the year stood at Rs. 53,02,584 as against Rs. 57,54,189 during 1956-57.

**1097.** The Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel, Government of India, accorded permission for the Ferro-Silicon Expansion Scheme. Under this Scheme production will be increased from 5,000 tons to 20,000 tons per annum. The total estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 130 lakhs. Orders were placed for machinery and equipment with a Norwegian Firm on deferred terms of payment spread over five years.

**1098.** The employees of the Works were paid three months bonus for the year 1956-57 on 2nd October 1957.

**1099.** All the Educational Institutions in the Works area continued to work satisfactorily. Free Medical facilities were continued to be afforded to the employees and the members of their families in the Works' Combined Hospital.

### (iv) Mines and Geology.

**1100.** The year 1957-58 witnessed an increased activity in mining and marketing of minerals from the areas previously covered under leases and licenses inspite of the